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Regiæ Majestatis à sacra Musica.



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to Your service; whereof, I (who knew his heart) am a surviving witnesse, and therein he persisted to that last minute, when he fell a willing Sacrifice for Your Majestie: I were unworthy such a Brother, should I tender ought that is his, or mine, to any but our Gracious Master (from whole Royall Bounty both of us receiv'd all we injoy'd;) and fuch an Inscription would not only seem a Theft and Alienation of what is Your Majesties, but (which I most abhorre) would make me rafte of these ungratefull dayes. Your Majestie knowes when the Regall Prophet first penn'd these Palmes, he gave them to the Mulitians to be let to tunes; and they humbly brought them to David the King. Besides, M. Sandys inscribes his Translation to Your Sacred Majestie; so that this I offer is Your Majesties in all capacities, and doth not so properly come, as rebound back to Your Majestie. I was easily drawn to this presumption, by Your Majesties known particular affection to David's Plalmes, both because the Pfalter is held by all Divines one of the most excellent parts of holy Scripture; as also in regard much of Your Majesties present condition, is lively described by King David's pen. The King of Heaven and Earth restore Your Majestie according to Your own righteous heart, which is the daily earnest prayer of

Your Majesties most humble,

most loyally devoted Subject and Servant,

HENRY LAWES.

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### To the READER.

Hefe following Compositions of mine and my Brothers, fet at severall times, and upon severall Occasions, (having been often heard, and well approved of chiefly by such as desire to joyne Musick with Devotion) I have been much importuned to send to the Presse, and should not easily have been persuaded to it now, (especially in these dissonant times) but to doe a Right (or at least to show my

Love) to the Memory of my Brother, unfortunately lost in these unnaturall Warres; yet lyes in the Bed of Honour, and expir'd in the Service and Desence of the King his Master. Living, he was generally known, and (for his Parts) much honoured by Persons of best quality and condition. To give a further Character of him I shall forbeare, because of my neer relation, and rather reserve that to those Elegies which many of his noble Friends have written in a peculiar Book: But, as to what he hath done in Musick, I shall desire the present and the suture Age, that so much of his Works as are here published, may be received, as the least part of what he hath compos'd, and but a small Testimony of his greater Compositions, (too voluminous for the Presse) which I the rather now mention,

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These Arch-Musicians, in their sev'rall waies
Compos'd, and Acted, merit higher praise
Then wonder-wanting knowledge can impart.

Brothers in blood, in Science and Affection,
Belov'd by those that envie their Renowne;
In a False Time true Servants to the Crowne:
Lawes of themselves, needing no more direction.

The depth of Musique one of them did sound,
The t'other took his slight into the aire:
O then thrice happy and industrious paire,
That both the depth and height of Musique sound.

Which my fweet Friend, the life of Lovers pens, In so milde manner hath attain'd to do, He looks the better, and his hearers too; So in exchange all Ladies are his friends.

And when our Meditations are too meane

To keep their raptures longer on the wing,
They foar'd up to that Prophet and that King,
Whose Love is God, and Heav'n his glorious Scene:

Setting his Psalmes, whereby both they and we May finging rise to immortalitie.

A. Tounshend.

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To his Friend M'. Henry Lawes, upon his Compositions.

To chaine wilde Winds, calme raging Seas, recall From profound Hell, and raife to Heav'n, are all Of Harmony no fables, but true ftory; Man has within a ftorme, a paine, a glory: And these in me struck by that art divine, Submit to Musique, above all to thine.

F. Harington.

# To my Friend Mr. Henry Lawes.

Harry, whose tunefull and well measur'd song
First taught our English Music how to span
Words with just note and accent, not to scan
With Midas eares, committing short and long,
Thy worth and skill exempts thee from the throng,
With praise enough for Envie to look wan:
To after age thou shalt be writ the man
That with smooth Aire couldst humour best our tongue.
Thou honour'st Verse, and Verse must lend her wing
To honour thee, the Priest of Phabas Quire,
That tun'st their happiest Lines in hymne or story.

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Then his Casella, whom he woo'd to sing,
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Of worth in either, that it cann't be knowne
Which does the greatest, and the highest owne?
So when two Tapers mixe their beames, we say,
Not this more lustre has, or that more ray;
But each has title to the light, and they
Make up one, common, undistinguish day?
Or, as when th' Flamen divers incense fires,
The persume severs not, but in one aspires;
So that from this Spice, or that piece of Gum,
We cannot say, such, or such odours come:
But mounting in a generall unknowne cloud,
The wonder of the breath's to each allow'd;
So here, such equall worth from each does slow,
That to each light, to each we incense owe.

'Twas no neceffitie (yet) this Union made, (As when a weaker light does droop, and fade,

Unleffe affifted by another) No:

Each fingly could full beames and odours throw.

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Nor doe they only with the foule agree
In this; they share too in its eternitie:
And this, the one part of this work has tri'd;
For, though himselfe remov'd, this does abide,
And shall doe ever: here, his memory
Shall still survive, and contemne destiny.

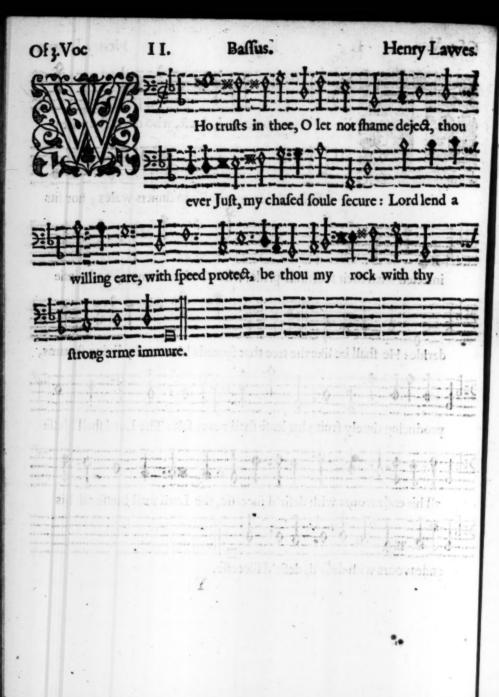
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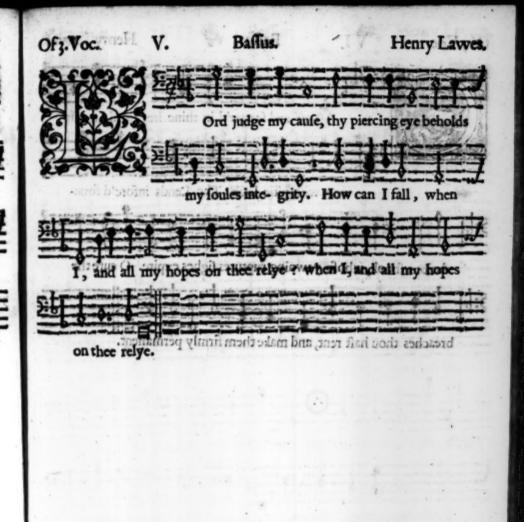






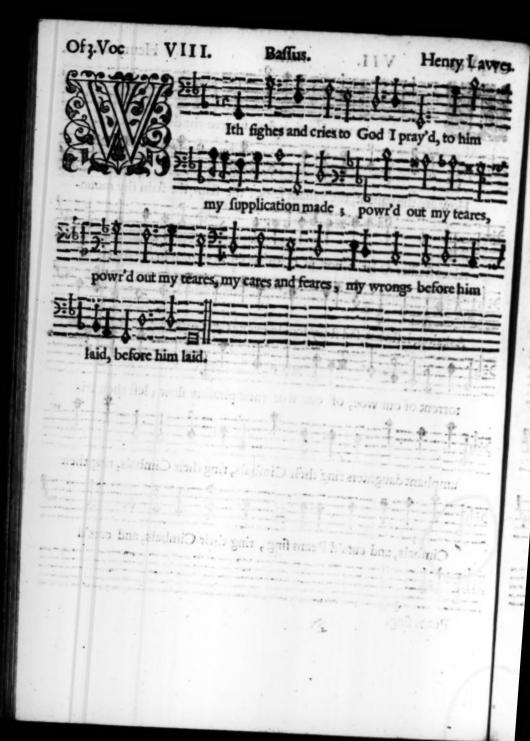
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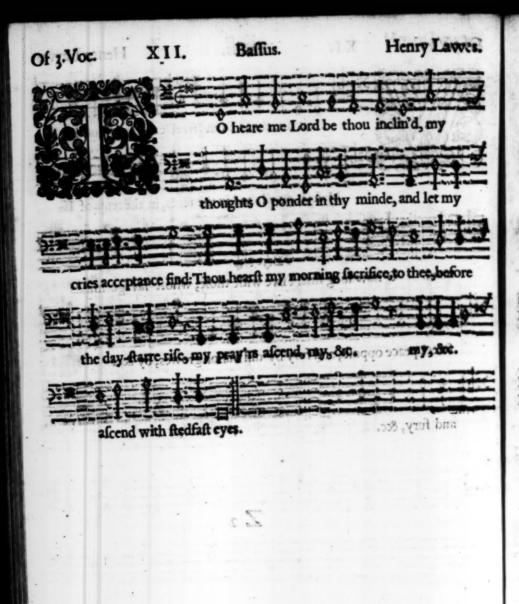


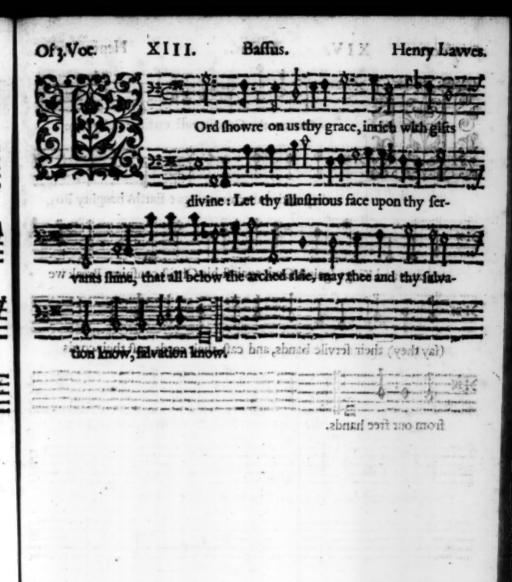


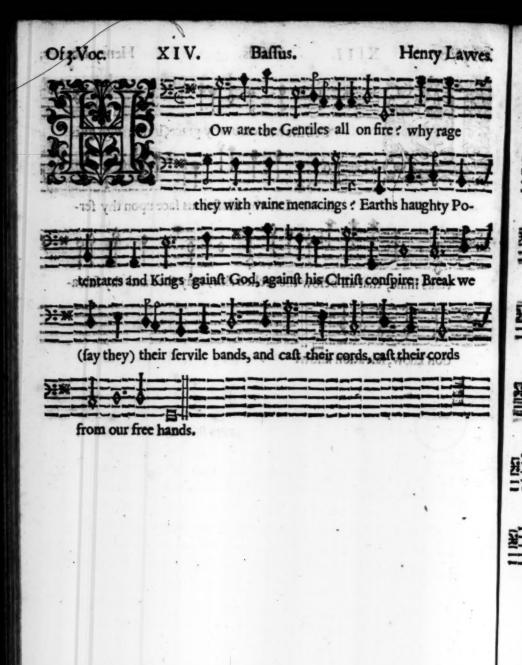










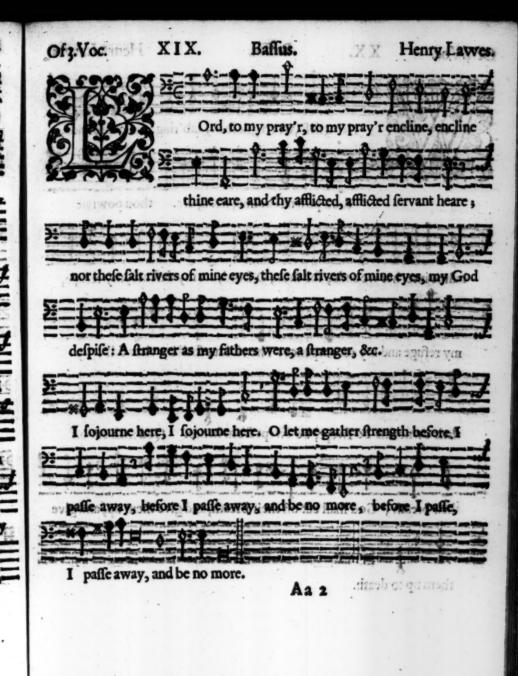








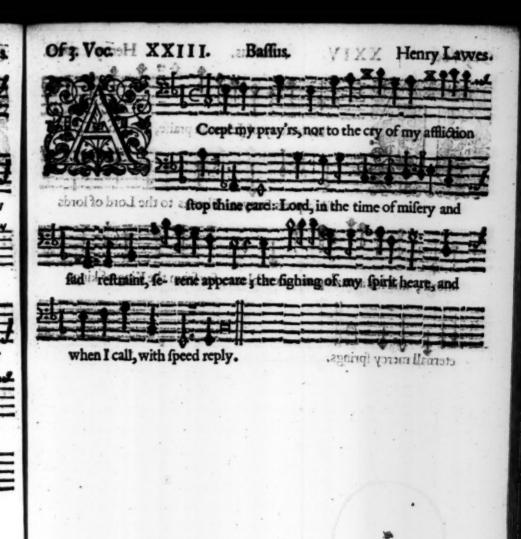


























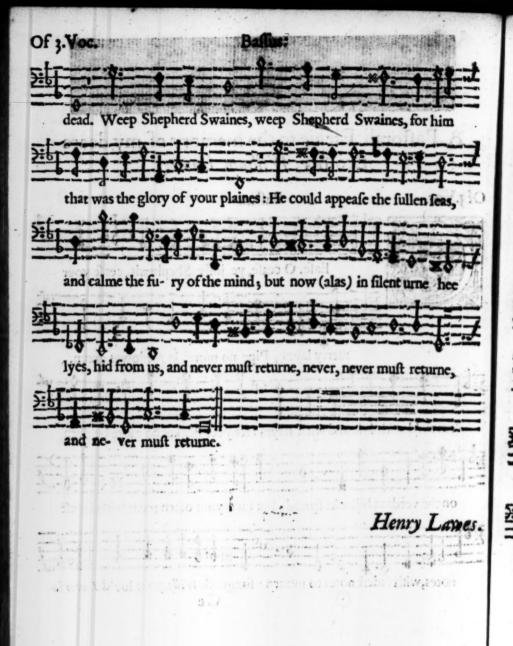
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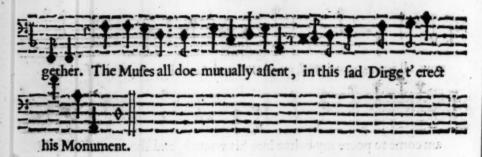
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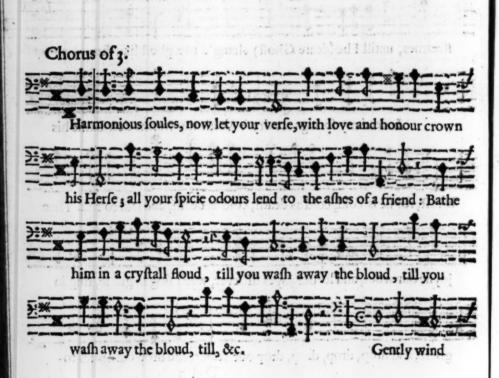
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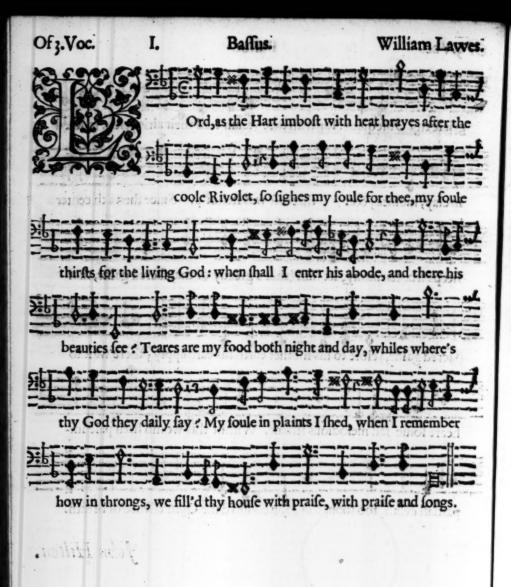
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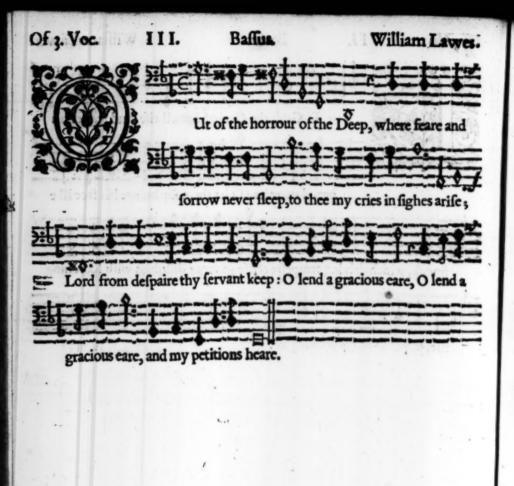


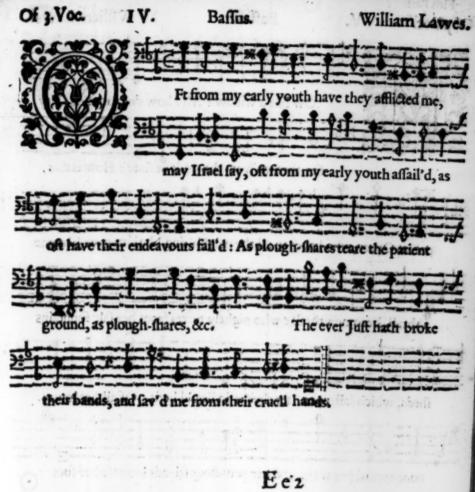


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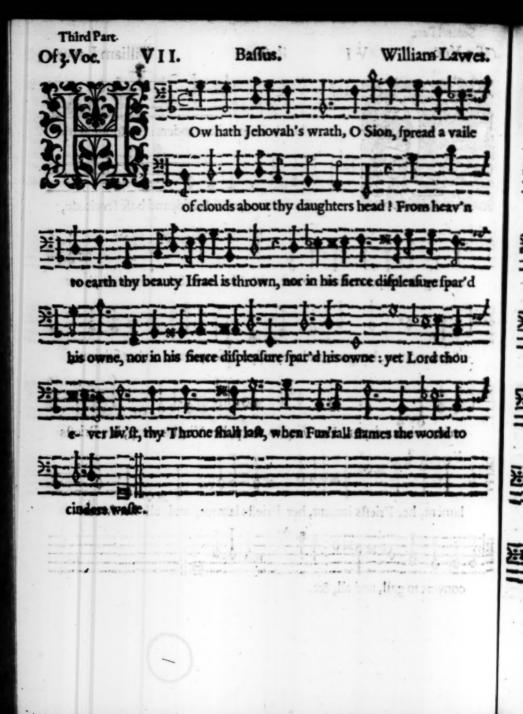










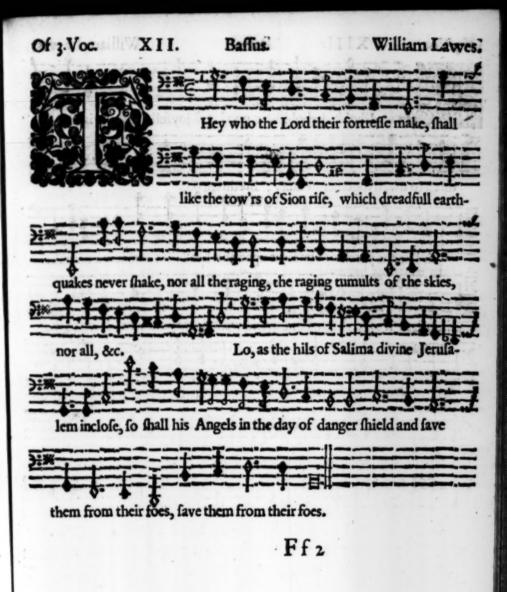










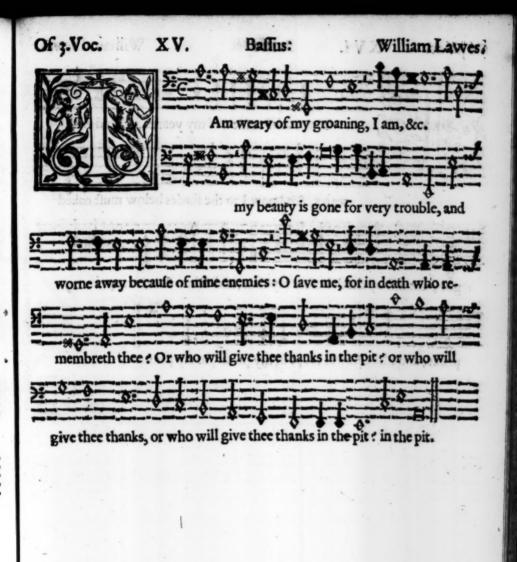


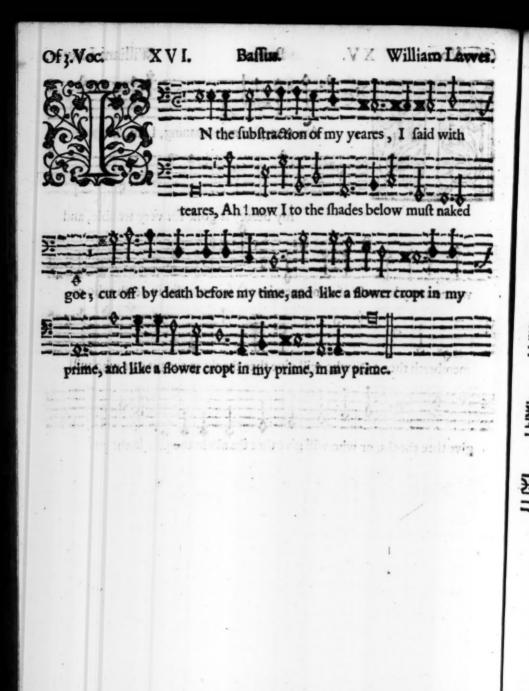






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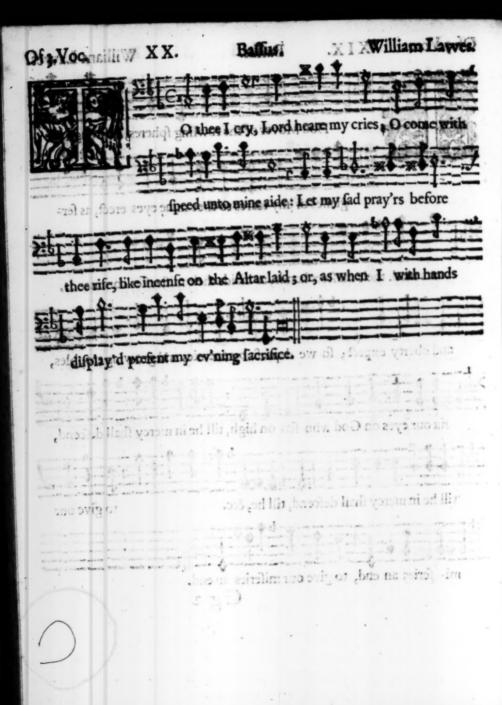














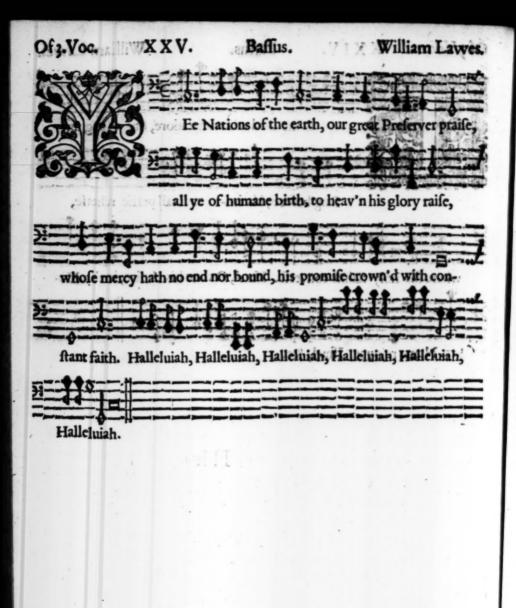




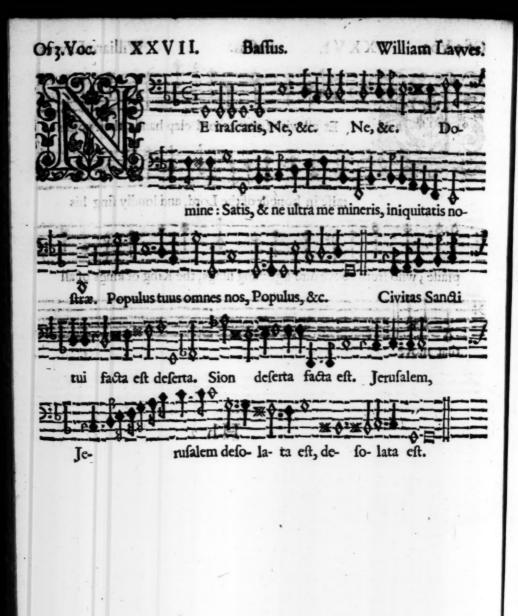




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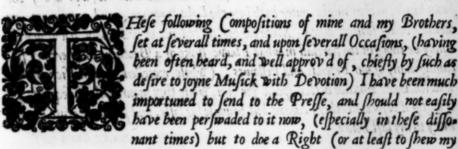
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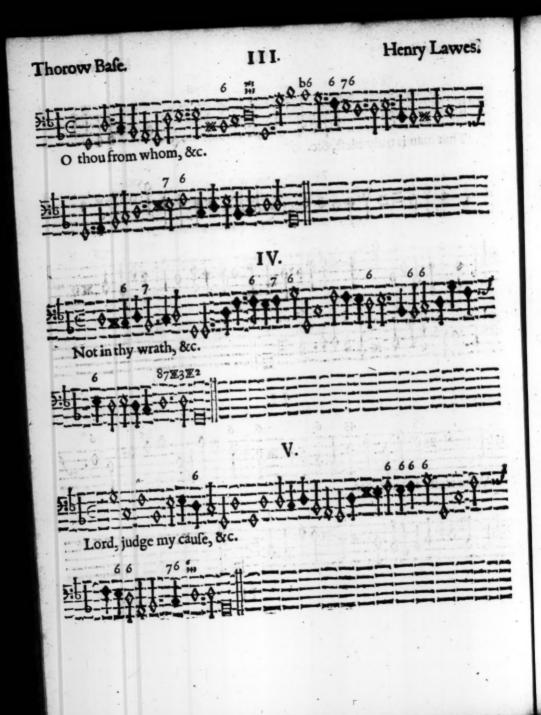
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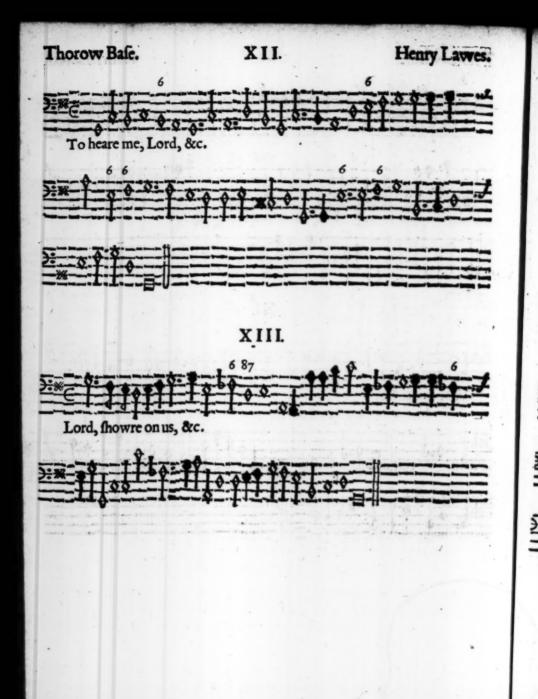
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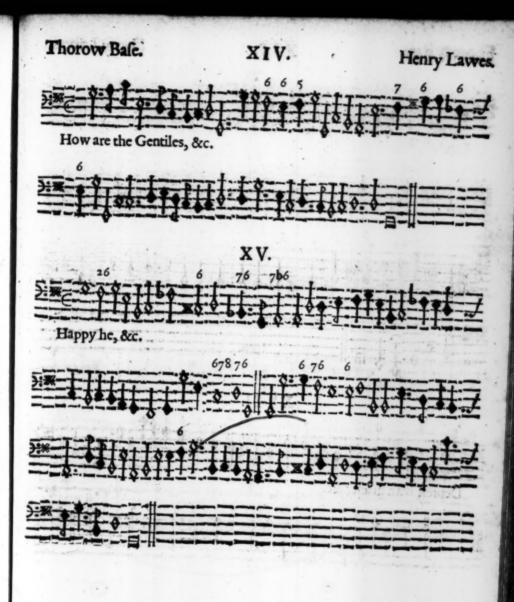


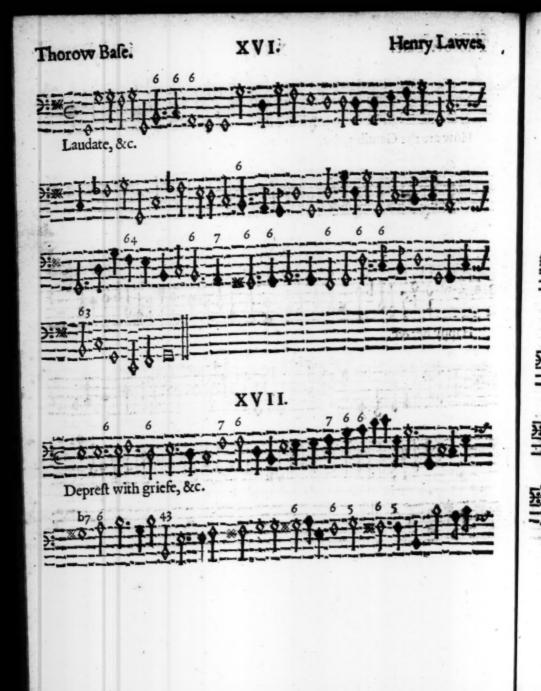












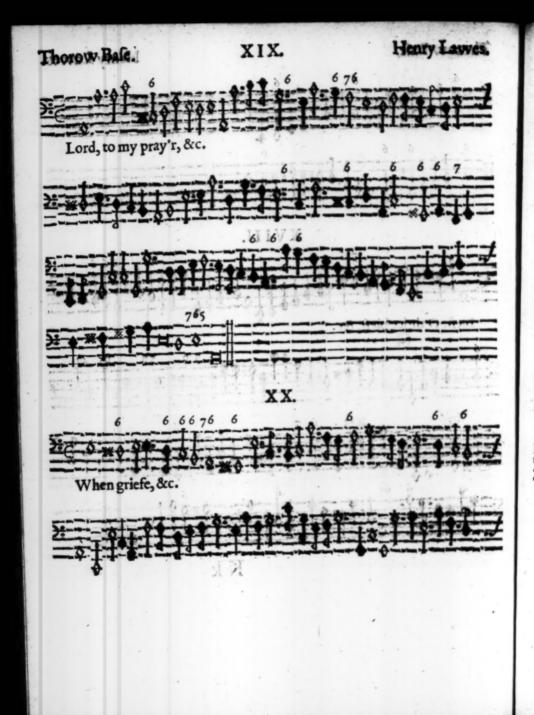


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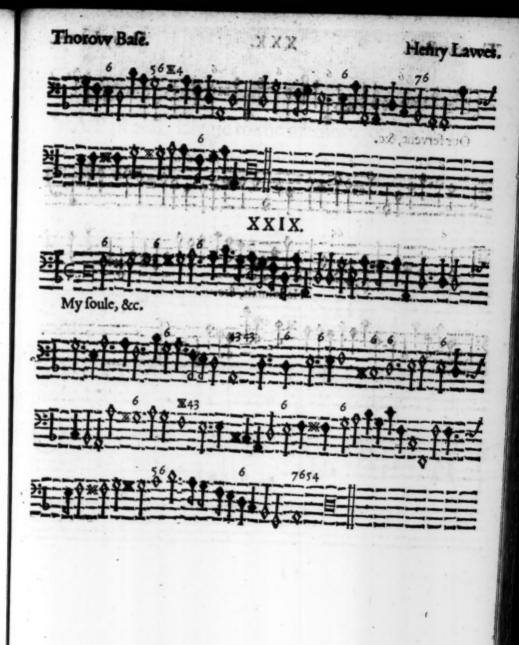
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An Elegie to the memory of his Friend and Fellow, Mr. William Lawes, servant to His Majestie.



By John Wilson, Doctor in Musique.

# To the memory of his much respected Friend and Fellow, Mr. William Lawes.



An Elegie on the death of his Friend and Fellowfervant, Mr. William Lawes.

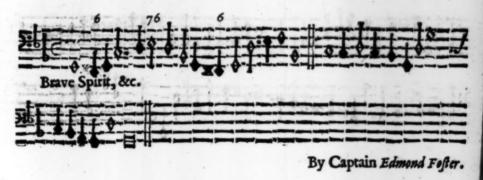


John Cob.

## An Elegie on the death of his deare Friend and Fellow-servant, M. William Lawes.



To the memory of his Friend, Mr. William Lames.



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Thorow Base,



Thorow Bafe.



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### An Elegie on his Friend, Mr. William Lawes.













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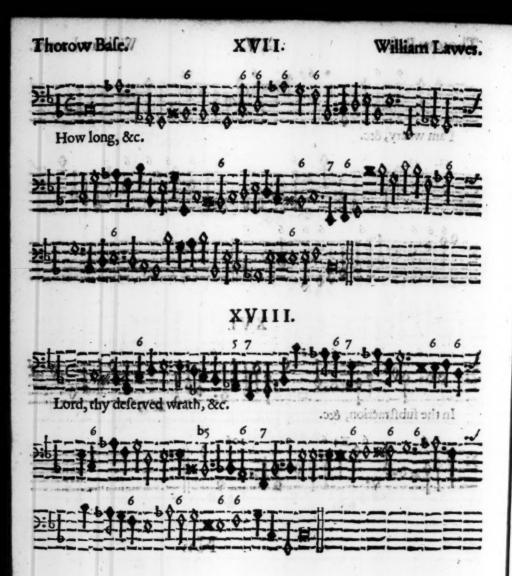
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To thee I cry, &c.



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An Elegie on the death of his very worthy Friend and Fellowfervant, M. John Tomkins, Organist of his Majesties Chappell Royall.



Oo William Lames.

A Canon of 3. Voc, in the Unifon:

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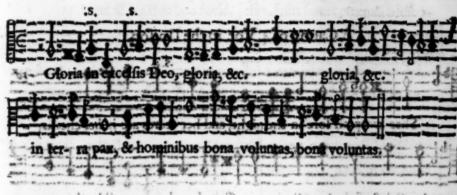
Oo William Lawes.





# \*Tis joy to fee how deadly fin by faith in Christ doth mercy win, by faith in Ghrift, by faith in Ghrift,

A Canon of Woc in the 5th and 4th below.



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thee hath none to comfort her.





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